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**G**EORGE, *by the Grace of God, of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas Our Royal Predecessors, upon divers wise and honourable Considerations, have, on Occasion of certain august Solemnities, conferred, with great State, upon their Royal Issue Male, the Princes of the Blood Royal, several of their Nobility, Principal Officers, and other Persons distinguished by their Birth, Quality, and personal Merit, That Degree of Knighthood which hath*

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*been denominated The Knighthood of the BATH ; We, being moved by the same Considerations, do hereby declare Our Royal Intention, not only to re-establish and support the said Honour of Knighthood in its former Lustre and Dignity, but to erect the same into a regular Military Order : And accordingly, of Our especial Grace, certain Knowledge, and mere Motion, and by Virtue of Our Royal Prerogative, being the Fountain of Honour, We have instituted, erected, constituted, and created, and by these Our Letters Patents do institute, erect, constitute, and create, a Military Order of Knighthood to be, and be called for ever hereafter by the Name and Title of The Order of the BATH ; whereof We, Our Heirs, and Successors, Kings of this Realm, for ever shall be Sovereigns ; which said Order shall consist of a Great Master to continue during the Pleasure of Us, Our Heirs or Successors, and Thirty-six Companions, to be from Time to Time nominated and appointed by Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, wherein a Succession shall be always regularly continued : Which said Order shall be governed by Statutes and Ordinances, to be from Time to Time made, ordained, altered, and abrogated, by Us, Our Heirs, and Successors, at Our and their Pleasure. And to the End that*

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*that such Statutes may be legally established, We, following the Example of our Royal Predecessor King EDWARD the Third of glorious Memory, Founder of the most noble Order of the GARTER, who gave Sanction to the Statutes of that Order, by affixing to them the Seal, which had been by his Command made and appointed for the same Order, Do hereby direct and appoint, that a Seal shall be immediately engraven, having upon one Side the Representation of Our Royal Person on Horseback in Armour, the Shield Azure, Three Imperial Crowns Or, the Arms usually ascribed to the Renowned King ARTHUR, with this Circumscription, Sigillum Honoratissimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo; and on the Reverse the same Arms empaling Our Royal Arms: And Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, that the said Seal shall for ever hereafter be the Seal of the said Order of the BATH; and that the Statutes, to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the said Order, shall be established, and sealed by and with the same Seal. And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, declare and ordain, That the said Statutes, so to be given by Us, Our Heirs or Successors, to which the said Seal shall be affixed, shall be of the same Force and Validity, as if the same Statutes, and*  
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*every Article of them, had been verbatim recited in these Our Letters Patents, and had been passed under the Great Seal of this Our Realm. And further We do hereby ordain, constitute, nominate, and appoint, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely-beloved Cousin John Duke of Montagu to be the first Great Master of the said Order, To hold the said Office during Our Pleasure, with such Powers, Privileges, and Emoluments, and subject to such Regulations, as shall be for that Purpose appointed in the Statutes to be established by Us, Our Heirs or Successors, as aforesaid. And whereas it is absolutely necessary for the Dignity and Service of this Order, that there should be Officers peculiarly appropriated thereto, We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will and ordain, That there shall be for ever hereafter a Dean, Register, King of Arms, Genealogist, Secretary, Usher, and Messenger, of and belonging to the said Order, whose respective Duties, Privileges, Emoluments, and Perquisites, shall be particularly expressed and declared in the said Statutes. And We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, constitute, create, and appoint, the Dean of the Collegiate Church of St. Peter's, Westminster, for the Time being, to be for ever hereafter Dean of the said Order; and do for Us,*

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*Our Heirs and Successors, give and grant full Power and Authority to the Great Master of the said Order, for the Time being, to constitute, nominate, and appoint, under the Seal hereby appointed for the said Order, a Register, King of Arms, Genealogist, Secretary, Usher, and Messenger of the said Order; and from Time to Time to fill up the Places of such Officers upon Vacancies, according to such Rules and Directions, as shall for that Purpose be laid down and expressed in the said Statutes to be given as aforesaid. And to the End that the respective Fees, to be paid to the several Officers of the said Order of the BATH, by such Persons as shall be nominated unto, and accept the Honour of a Companion of the said Order, may be certain and fixed; We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, will and declare, That all such Fees shall be especially and particularly ascertained and established in and by the Statutes to be given and ordained to and for the said Order, by Us, Our Heirs or Successors, under the Seal hereby appointed for the said Order, and shall be of the like Force and Effect, as if the same had been particularly expressed and set forth in these Our Letters Patents. And lastly, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, grant, that these Our Letters*  
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*Patents, or the Inrollment or Exemplification thereof, shall be, in and by all Things, good, firm, valid, sufficient, and effectual in the Law, according to the true Intent and Meaning thereof, any Omission, Imperfection, Defect, Matter, Cause, or Thing, whatsoever to the contrary thereof in any wise notwithstanding: In Witness whereof, We have caused these Our Letters to be made Patents.*

Witness Ourselves at *Westminster*, the Eighteenth Day of *May*, in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign.

*By Writ of Privy Seal,*

BISSE and BRAY.



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**G** E O R G E, by the Grace of God, of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas Our Royal Predecessors, for divers wise and honourable Considerations, have, on Occasion of several

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veral splendid and august Solemnities, conferred, with great State and Ceremony, upon their Royal Issue Male, the Princes of the Blood Royal, several of their Nobility, principal Officers, and other Persons distinguished by eminent Birth and Merit, That Degree of Knighthood, which from the Rite preparative to it hath been denominated *The Knighthood of the BATH*; an Honour which most of Our Royal Predecessors have accepted in their own Persons, with all the Forms thereunto appertaining, from the *Saxon* Ages to the Coronation of the late King *Charles* the Second inclusive, who was himself invested therewith during his Father's Reign: And whereas We, being moved by all the like Considerations, and in regard to the many laudable Precedents of Antiquity, and intending not only to re-establish and support the said Honour of Knighthood in its former Lustre and Dignity, but to erect the same into a regular Military Order, did, by Our Royal Letters Patents, bearing Date the Eighteenth Day of this instant *May*, Institute, Erect, and Create, a Military Order of Knighthood, to be, and be called for ever hereafter, by the Name and Title of the Order of the *Bath*, whereof We, Our Heirs and  
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and Successors, Kings of this Realm for ever, shall be Sovereigns: And whereas We have ordained and appointed a Great Seal of the said Order, having upon one Side the Representation of Our Royal Person on Horseback in Armour, the Shield *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, the Arms usually ascribed to the Renowned King *Arthur*, with this Circumscription, *Sigillum Honoratissimi Ordinis Militaris de Balneo*; and on the Reverse, the same Arms empaling our Royal Arms; And whereas, by Our said Letters Patents, We did ordain, That the said Order shall be governed by Statutes and Ordinances, and that the said Statutes, to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the said Order, shall be established, and sealed by and with the said Seal, as by the said Letters Patents may appear: Now know ye, That in Pursuance of the said Letters Patents, and by Virtue of Our Prerogative Royal, We have made, ordained, and established, and by these Presents, sealed with the above-mentioned Seal of the said Order, this Twenty-third Day of *May*, in the Eleventh Year of Our Reign, do make, ordain, and establish, the following Statutes and Ordinances, to be perpetually and inviolably observed within the same Order, *viz.*

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STATUTES *of the* ORDER *of the* BATH.

FIRST, It is declared, ordained, and enjoined, That We, Our Heirs and Successors, Kings of this Realm, are, and for ever shall be, Sovereigns of this Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*; to whom doth, and shall appertain, the Resolution, Reformation, Interpretation, and Determination, of every Doubt, Obscurity, or Ambiguity, contained in any of the antient Ceremonials, or in any particular Article of these Our present Statutes, touching this Most Honourable Order, for maintaining the Dignity and perpetual Succession of it.

SECONDLY, That this Order shall consist of the Sovereign, of a Prince of the Royal Blood, of a Great Master, and of Thirty-five other Companions; and that this Number shall never be augmented: But when any Stall shall become void, it shall be filled by the Nomination of another Person, to be elected Knight, to the end such Succession may be always regularly continued.

THIRDLY, It is hereby declared, That the Persons to be admitted into this Order shall be Gentlemen of Blood, bearing Coat-Arms, and void  
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of all Reproach ; that is, They shall not be convicted of Heresy against the Articles of the Christian Religion ; not attainted of High Treason, without being first restored by a Pardon ; neither shall they be such who out of Cowardice have fled from any Field of Battle : And in case any Companion shall be found guilty of Reproach in any Instance of this Kind, (which God forbid !) He shall be Degraded at the next Chapter, his Escutcheon shall be thrown out of his Stall, with all the usual Marks of Infamy, and a Memorial thereof shall be entered in the Register.

FOURTHLY, It is hereby declared, That our Dear Entirely-beloved Grandson Prince *William* shall be the first, and principal Companion, and shall be placed next unto the Sovereign within this Most Honourable Order : And since, by reason of the Tenderness of his Age, he is not able to bear the Fatigue of bathing, and the Vigils attending it, or at present to apprehend sufficiently the Import and Obligation of an Oath ; We, following the Precedents of Our Royal Predecessors in the like Cases, do hereby dispense with him in these, and all other Particulars, where a Dispensation may

may be required ; declaring it to be Our Royal Pleasure, That Our conferring the Degree of Knighthood upon him by the Sword of State, shall be sufficient to invest him fully and effectually with this Order ; and that he shall enjoy the same, with the Name, Title, Dignity, and Privileges, belonging to a Knight of the *Bath*, in as large and ample Manner, as if he had personally performed all the Solemnities, according to the ancient Formularies.

FIFTHLY, In Consideration of the great Merit, Virtue, Prudence, Generosity, Valour and Loyalty, whereby the Persons, whose Names here follow, have singularly and severally distinguished themselves, We declare it to be Our Royal Pleasure, to advance them to be Companions of this Order as soon as they, and each of them, have received this Knighthood, according to the ancient laudable Rites, or shall be released from the Observance of such Rites, or any Part of them, by Virtue of especial Dispensations: that is to say, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely-beloved Cousins, the Duke of *Richmond*, and the Duke of *Manchester* ; Our Right Trusty and Right  
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Well-beloved Cousins, *Charles Beauclair* Earl of *Burford*, The Earls of *Leicester*, *Albemarle*, *Devoraine*, *Halifax*, *Suffex*, and *Pomfret*; Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin Lord *Nassaw Pawlet*; Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin and Counsellor *George Viscount Torrington*; Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved the Lords *Malpas*, *Glenorchy*, *Delawar*, *Clinton*, and *Walpole*; Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellor *Spencer Compton*, Esq. Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved *William Stanhope*, *Coniers Darcy*, and *Thomas Lumley Sanderson*, Esqrs. Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Counsellors, *Paul Methuen*, Esq. *Robert Walpole*, Esq. *Sir Robert Sutton*, and *Charles Wills*, Esq. Our Trusty and Well-beloved *Sir John Hobart*, *Sir William Gage*, *Robert Clifton*, *Michael Newton*, *William Yonge*, *Thomas Watson Wentworth*, *John Monson*, *William Morgan*, and *Thomas Coke*, Esqrs. Our Right Trusty and Right Well-beloved Cousin the Earl of *Inchequeen*, and Our Right Trusty and Well-beloved Cousin Viscount *Tyrrconnel*; Provided, that by the Manner, according to which these Persons are here named, no other Precedency shall be claimed, than within the Chapters, Conventions,

tions, Stalls, Processions, and Ceremonies, of this Order : And that in case any Person or Persons, thus appointed by Us, shall omit to qualify himself or themselves by the Reception of this Knighthood, or shall neglect to be Installed, according to the Methods herein after mentioned, beyond the Term of Six Months from the Date of these Statutes, That this Our Nomination shall then be void as to such Person or Persons ; and it shall be lawful for Us to elect another Person or Persons, to supply every Vacancy that may happen on such Account.

SIXTHLY, Since the important, weighty, and urgent Affairs of State and Government, will sometimes necessarily require the immediate Direction of the Sovereign, so that he may not conveniently give all the Attention requisite for the Benefit of this Order ; We have therefore ordained and constituted a Great Master of this Fraternity, who under the Sovereign, and in his Absence, shall supply the Sovereign's Place, and take especial Care, That these Statutes, and the antient Rituals belonging to this Knighthood be observed with the greatest Exactness ; and he shall  
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do and perform whatever else shall be meet and commodious for the Dignity thereof: And have nominated, constituted, and appointed, Our Right Trusty and Right Entirely-beloved Cousin *John Duke of Montagu* to be the first Great Master of this Order; and We do hereby dispense with his Performance of the Rites of Bathing and Vigils, and other preparative Ceremonies, which by the Constitution of this Order he would be obliged to; Declaring it to be our Royal Pleasure, That We having conferred the Honour of Knighthood on him formerly with the Sword of State, his receiving the Symbol of the Knighthood of the *Bath*, with the Ribbon of the said Order, from Our Royal Hands, and his taking the Oath in Our Presence, shall be sufficient to invest him fully and effectually with the Knighthood of this Order, and in the Office of Great Master thereof, giving to him the full Power and Authority before mentioned: And we do hereby enjoin all the Companions to render him due Service, so far as he shall act within this Order, and according to the Tenor of these Statutes: And since it may be found necessary, by reason of unforeseen Accidents, to dispense with some of the Particulars in the antient

Ceremonials of it; We do hereby empower and authorise the Great Master to grant such Dispensations, under the above-mentioned Seal of this Order; which Seal shall for the future remain in the Custody of the Great Master for the Time being, with a Power vested in him to affix the same to all Summons, Significations of Elections, Commissions, Mandates, Certificates, and Transcripts of these Statutes, to be delivered unto each Person elected, and to all other Instruments whatsoever relating to this Order.

SEVENTHLY, That all Persons herein nominated to be Companions, (saving Our said Grandson, with whom We have dispensed) and all other Persons that may hereafter be elected into this Order, shall have Signification of such their Election made unto them by the Great Master, and shall also upon the Summons of the Great Master for their Creation into the said Knighthood, as also for their Installation, repair to the Prince's Chamber, within the Palace of *Westminster*, (which is hereby declared to be the Chapter-Room of this Order) at the Time or Times to be appointed in the said Summons: Each of them to be attended by two Esquires of Honour, Gentlemen of Blood, and bearing Coat-Arms

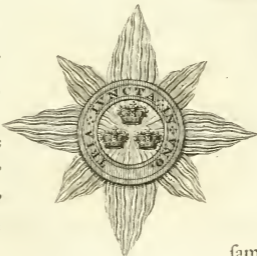
Arms, (to be approved by the Great Master) who shall be worshipfully received, at the Door of that Chamber, by the King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher of this Order: And the Person thus elected shall enter into that Chamber with the Esquires, who, being experienced in Matters of Chivalry, are to instruct him in the Nature, Dignity, and Duties, of this Military Order, and to take diligent Care, That all the Ceremonies thereof (which have their allegorical Significations) shall be powerfully recommended, and punctually observed: And such Esquires, who from this Service have been usually denominated Esquires Governors, shall not permit the Elected to be seen abroad during the Evening of his first Entry, but shall send for the proper Barber to make ready a Bathing-Vessel, handsomely lined on the Inside and Outside with Linen, having cross Hoops over it, covered with Tapestry, for Defence against the cold Air of the Night; and a Blanket shall be spread on the Floor by the Side of the Bathing-Vessel: Then the Beard of the Elected being shaven, and his Hair cut, the Esquires shall acquaint the Sovereign, or Great Master, That it being the Time of Even-Song, the Elected is prepared for the *Bath*; whereupon some

of the most sage and experienced Knights shall be sent to inform the Elected, and to counsel and direct him in the Order and Feats of Chivalry; which Knights being preceded by several Esquires of the Sovereign's Household, making all the usual Signs of rejoicing, and having the Minstrels playing on several Instruments before them, shall forthwith repair to the Door of the Prince's Chamber, while the Esquires Governors, upon hearing the Music, shall undress the Elected, and put him into the Bath; and the musical Instruments then ceasing to play, these grave Knights, entering into the Chamber without any Noise, shall severally, one after the other, kneeling near the Bathing-Vessel, with a soft Voice instruct the Elected in the Nature and Course of the *Bath*, and put him in Mind, that for ever hereafter he ought to keep his Body and Mind pure and undefiled: And thereupon the Knights shall each of them cast some of the Water of the *Bath* upon the Shoulders of the Elected, and then retire, while the Esquires Governors shall take the Elected out of the *Bath*, and conduct him to his Pallet-Bed, which is to be plain, and without Curtains; and as soon as his Body is dry, they shall clothe him very warm, in Consideration that he is

to watch that whole Night; and therefore they shall then array him in a Robe of Ruffet, having long Sleeves reaching down to the Ground, and tied about the Middle with a Cordon of ash-coloured and ruffet Silk, with a ruffet Hood like to an Hermit, having a white Napkin hanging to the Cordon, or Girdle; and the Barber having removed the Bathing-Vessel, the experienced Knights shall again enter, and from thence conduct the Elected to the Chapel of King *Henry* the Seventh, (wherein it is our Pleasure, that the religious Ceremonies relating to this Order shall for the future be constantly performed): And they being there entered, preceded by all the Esquires, making Rejoicings, and the Minstrels playing before them, during which Time Wine and Spices shall be laid ready for these Knights, the Elected, and the Esquires Governors; and the Elected having returned Thanks to these Knights, for the great Favours of their Assistance, the Esquires Governors shall shut the Chapel Door, permitting none to stay therein, save the Elected, One of the Prebendaries of the Church of *Westminster* to officiate, the Chandler to take Care of the Lights, and the Verger of the Church; where the Elected shall perform  
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his Vigils, during the whole Night, in Orisons and Prayers, to Almighty God, having a Taper burning before him, held by one of his Esquires Governors, who at the reading of the Gospel shall deliver it into the Hands of the Elected, which being read, he shall re-deliver it to one of his Esquires Governors, who shall hold it before him during the Residue of Divine Service; and when the Day breaks, and the Elected hath heard Matins, or Morning Prayer, the Esquires Governors shall re-conduct him to the Prince's Chamber, and lay him in Bed, and cast over him a Coverlet of Gold, lined with Carde; and when it is a proper Time, these Esquires shall acquaint the Sovereign, or Great Master, that the Elected will be ready to rise from his Bed, who shall again command the experienced Knights, preceded as before, to repair to the Prince's Chamber: And the Elected being awakened by the Music, and the Esquires Governors having provided every Thing in Readiness, the experienced Knights, at their Entry, shall wish the Elected a good Morning, acquainting him, that it is a convenient Time to rise; whereupon the Esquires Governors taking him by the Arm, the most antient of these Knights shall present to him

him his Shirt, the next his Breeches, the third his Doublet, another the Surcoat of red Tartarin, lined and edged with white Sarcenet; two others shall take him out of his Bed; two others shall put on his Boots, in Token of the Beginning of his Warfare; another shall gird him with his white Girdle without any Ornament; another shall comb his Head; another shall deliver him his Coif, or Bonnet; and, lastly, another shall put upon him the Mantle of this Order, being of the same Silk and Colour of the Surcoat, lined and edged in like Manner, which shall be tied, and made fast about the Neck with a Lace of white Silk, having a Pair of white Gloves hanging at the End thereof; and on the left Shoulder of the said Mantle shall be the Ensign of this Order; that is, Three Imperial Crowns Or, surrounded with the Motto of the Order upon a Circle Gules, with a Glory or Ray issuing from the Center, as the same is delineated in the Margin; and on the



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same Shoulder of the said Mantle, the Lace of white Silk antiently worn by the said Knights: The Elected being thus habited, in case there shall be a Cavalcade, it is to be performed according to the Tenor of the antient Rituals; otherwise a Procession shall be made on Foot to the Presence of the Sovereign, or to the Place where the Great Master shall appoint, in the following Manner; that is, The Minstrels shall play on their several Instruments; the Esquires of the Sovereign's Household shall follow them; then the Messenger of the Order, and after him the Esquires of the Order, being apparelled in Surcoats of white Silk, lined and edged with red, having Hoods of the same thereto affixed, and on the Right Shoulder of their Surcoats, the plain Escutcheon of the Order, *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*: Next a young Esquire, a Gentleman of Blood, and Coat-Arms, in the like Surcoat, who being uncovered shall carry the Sword of the Elected, by the Point, in a Scabbard of white Leather, the Pommel and Cross-Bar Hilts being gilded, and his Belt without any Embellishments; at the Cross Hilts of the Sword shall hang the Spurs, with white Leathers: And then shall follow the Elected himself, sup-  
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ported between his two Esquires Governors, who being introduced with due Reverence to the Presence of the Sovereign, or Great Master, the King of Arms of this Order there attending, shall take the Spurs, and deliver them, with the most humble and sedulous Expressions of Duty, to the Sovereign, or in his Absence to the Great Master, who shall command the eldest Knight, or most noble Person there present, to put one Spur upon the Right Heel of the Elected; which Office he is to perform by kneeling down upon one of his Knees, and putting the Right Leg of the Elected upon his other Knee; and having fastened the Spur, and the other Spur being in like Manner put upon his Left Heel by another Knight, or by some other noble Person, in like Manner; the Sovereign, or Great Master, after he hath received the Sword from the said King of Arms, shall buckle it over the Body of the Elected, and then shall give him the Accollade, or Dubbing, and kiss him; and then shall put the Red Ribbon, having the Golden Badge of this Order thereto affixed, over the Head of the Knight, in such Manner as the Badge may hang on his Left Side.

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EIGHTHLY, These Ceremonies being performed, or else a Dispensation granted for the Non-observance of them, or of any Part of them, (which Dispensation it shall always be in the Power of the Sovereign, or Great Master, to grant under the Seal of the Order) All the Persons named in the Fifth Article of these Statutes, shall respectively be installed in the Chapel of King *Henry VII.* in the following Manner; that is to say, Every one of them appearing in the Chapter-Room, wearing his Mantle, Ribbon, Surcoat, Sword, and having his Spurs on, there shall be a Procession made from thence to the said Chapel; in which Procession all the menial Servants in the Sovereign's Household, who by Grant or Prescription can claim Fees upon the Creation of any Knights of the *Bath*, shall be ranged two and two, according to their regular Precedencies; then the Messenger of the Order; then the young Esquires in their Surcoats, two and two, those of the junior Knights going foremost; then the Esquires Governors in their Surcoats, four in a Breast, in like Manner: But in case the young Esquire, or Esquires Governors of the Knights in the opposite Stalls, or either of them, be absent, then the  
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young Esquire, or Esquires Governors present, shall go by him or themselves: After them the Prebendaries of the Church of *Westminster*, in their Mantles, two and two, the Juniors going first, being followed by the Pursuivants, Heralds, and Provincial Kings of Arms in their Tabarts; and then the Knights, that are to be Companions, in the full Robes of the Order above recited, each of them carrying in his Hand, a white Hat, adorned with a standing Plume of white Feathers, proceeding with his Fellow in the opposite Stall; but if such Fellow shall be absent, the Knight present to go separate by himself, he or they who are to be placed in the lowest Stalls still going foremost, being followed by the Register of the Order, having the Secretary of the Order on his Right, and the Gentleman-Usher on his Left Hand: Then Our *Garter* Principal King of Arms, invested with his Tabart, Collar, and Escutcheon only, having on his Right Hand the Genealogist of this Order in his Habit, and with the Ensigns of this Order, and on his Left *Bath* King of Arms, in his proper Robe, and with his Badge; then the Dean of this Order in his Mantle, and with his Cognizance, carrying in his Hand the Oath and Admonition,

fairly written on Vellum, being followed by the Great Master alone; and after him shall go Our Dear Entirely-beloved Grandson Prince *William*, both of them with all the Habits and Ensigns of the Order, and covered with their white Hats; and, lastly, this Proceſſion shall terminate in the Person of the Sovereign, if he should be present, attended with his necessary Retinue, having the Sword of State carried before him, and his Train supported: And this Form is enjoined to be the constant Method of Procedure upon all future Installations into this Order; excepting only, that in all subsequent ones, the Knights, who have been actually installed, shall proceed covered with their white Hats; and that the Esquires of the Companions deceased shall be placed according to the Directions inserted in the Tenth Article. These Knights, being all entered into the Chapel, shall stand before their several Stalls, till the Sovereign (if present) hath seated himself; then the Prince of the Blood; then the Great Master; and afterwards every Knight, either single, or at the same Time with his Fellow, according to the Height of their Stalls: And having thus taken their respective Stalls, the Dean of the Order shall  
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repair to his Chair, placed at the Foot of the Sovereign's Stall, and *Garter*, and the Genealogist, *Bath* King of Arms, the Register, Secretary, and Gentleman-Usher, to their Benches or Forms before it: The Esquires Governors shall retire to their Seats under the Stalls of the Knights whom they severally attend, and the young Esquires standing before them: The Prebendaries shall place themselves on Benches set on the Right and Left Side of the Tomb of King *Henry VII.* The menial Servants of the Sovereign's Household (entitled to Fees as aforesaid) before the young Esquires, nearer to the Middle of the Chapel, standing according to their several Precedencies; the Officers of Arms in the same Range, but nearer to the uppermost Stalls on each side: Then *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher, shall arise from their Seats, being followed by the Dean of this Order, and proceed towards the Stall of the Great Master, who then descending shall enter into that of the Knight, which shall be the highest next his own, and shall deliver unto such Knight the Transcript of these Statutes, to whom the Dean shall administer the following Oath, *Bath* King of Arms holding the Book of the Gospels.

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*YOU shall honour God above all Things; You shall be steadfast in the Faith of Christ; You shall love the King your Sovereign Lord, and him and his Right defend to your Power; You shall defend Maidens, Widows, and Orphans, in their Rights; and shall suffer no Extortion, as far as you may prevent it; and of as great Honour be this Order unto you, as ever it was to any of your Progenitors, or others.*

AND then the Great Master shall put the Collar about his Neck, and shall seat him in his Stall, with all proper Signs of Respect; and then the Great Master shall resort unto the next Stall, and so successively throughout the whole Stalls, performing the like Ceremonies to every Knight respectively; which Ceremonies being finished, and the Great Master re-seated in his Stall, the Dean shall go to the Altar, and *Bath* King of Arms and the Gentleman-Usher being returned to their Bench, Divine Service shall be celebrated according to the Rubric of the Liturgy; and at the Offering, the Sovereign (if present) shall, attended by *Garter*, *Bath*, and the Gentleman-Usher, and assisted by the Great Master, make his Oblation; then the  
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Prince of the Blood; then the Great Master, attended by *Bath* and the Gentleman-Usher; and afterwards all the Residue of the Companions, with their respective Fellows if present, otherwise single: Those in the highest Stalls shall offer first, being attended severally by two Provincial Kings, or Heralds of Arms. Divine Service being concluded, every Companion installed shall be conducted by *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher, to the Rails of the Altar, where having unsheathed his Sword, he shall offer it naked with great Devotion; and the Dean shall restore such Sword, with the following Admonition.

*BY the Oath you have this Day taken, I exhort and admonish you to use this Sword to the Glory of God, the Defence of the Gospel, the Maintenance of your Sovereign's Right and Honour, and of all Equity and Justice, to the utmost of your Power: So help you God.*

A Procession shall then be had by the Companions, in these their full Habits, to the Chapter-Room; and the Sovereign's Master-Cook, standing  
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at the Outside of the Door of the Church of *Westminster*, with a Linen Apron, and a Chopping-Knife in his Hand, shall say to each Companion Installed, *Sir, You know what great Oath you have taken; which if you keep, it will be great Honour to you; but if you break it, I shall be compelled by my Office to back off your Spurs from your Heels.*

THE Companions, being thus returned to the Prince's Chamber, are hereby authorised to hold a Chapter, and to determine whatever shall be judged proper for preserving the Dignity of the Order, within these Rules; and then, divesting themselves of their Robes, may depart: And it shall be at the Discretion and Pleasure of every Companion, whether he will afterwards apparel himself in Blue Vestments, wearing the Lace of White Silk on his Left Shoulder, according to the ancient Formularies; and whether he will wear such Lace on his Mantle at future Installations.

NINTHLY, When any of the Stalls shall become void, the Great Master, with all convenient Speed, shall signify the Vacancy to the Sovereign; and, having received the Sovereign's Election or Nomination



nation of the Person to fill it, shall forthwith signify the said Election to the Person so nominated, and shall then cause the Companions to be summoned, by Letters, to appear in the Prince's Chamber at a Time therein to be specified; when, and to which Place, they are strictly required to repair (unless they have first obtained a Dispensation, or shall be excused for a reasonable Cause): And then, being habited in their Mantles, Surcoats, and Ensigns, and their Officers attending in their proper Robes, and with their Badges, a Procession shall be made into the Chapel of King *Henry* the Seventh; where the Companions being seated in their Stalls, two of them, who shall be in the highest Stalls, next to that of the Great Master, shall offer the Sword of the Companion deceased, which shall be received, and deposited upon the Side of the Altar, by the Dean; and the Companions being returned unto the Chapter-Room, the Great Master shall there signify to them the Sovereign's Nomination of the Person elected; who being in Attendance, by Virtue of a Letter from the Great Master, shall be introduced into the Chapter-Room by *Bath* King of Arms, and the Gentleman-Usher, that he may acknowledge the

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Acceptance of the Order; and the Compliments of the Society being made to him, upon his receiving this distinguishing Mark of Honour; and the Times being appointed for his Creation to this Knight-hood, as also for his Installation, the same shall be distinctly performed according to the Rules above recited, without any Alterations or additional Circumstances, besides those which the Necessities of the Occasions may absolutely require: Provided always, that in case any Person nominated by Us, or Our Successors, do not perform the Conditions required, within Six Months after his Election, and that he have not Certificates thereof from the Great Master, then the said Election to be void; and the Notice of such his Omission being given to the Sovereign by the Great Master, another Person shall be nominated to fill that Vacancy; to the end, an uninterrupted Succession may be always regularly continued.

TENTHLY, That every Year, on the Twentieth Day of *October*, or if that shall happen upon a *Sunday*, on the next Day, there shall be a Convention of all the Companions, to celebrate the Anniversary of Our Coronation; who are hereby required

quired, without any other Summons, to meet in their Chapter-Room, invested with their proper Habits and Ensigns, with the Officers of this Order, their Esquires, the Prebendaries of *Westminster*, all of them in their respective Robes; and from thence they shall make a Procession to the Chapel of King *Henry VII.* and there hear Divine Service, and make their Offerings, and from thence return to the Chapter-Room: But in case any Companion deceased shall leave either or both of his Esquires Governors surviving, such Esquire or Esquires, shall proceed in Breast on the Left Hand of the Esquire or Esquires of the Knight who at that Time shall be in Possession, or be entitled to be placed in the Stall wherein the deceased Companion was seated; and the same Method shall be observed with regard to the young Esquires who shall survive the Companions to whom they officiated.

ELEVENTHLY, That at all future Coronations, and other Solemnities, wherein Knights of the *Bath* have been heretofore usually created, all the Companions of this Most Honourable Order, for the Time being, who, by reason of the Honours and Offices then enjoyed by them, may not be entitled

to an higher Degree of *Precedency*, shall enjoy the Precedencies, and all other Privileges whatever, within and without the Sovereign's Household, which have been heretofore allowed to any Knight of the *Bath* by antient Laws, Usages, and Customs of this Realm, not only during the Preparation for such Solemnities, but while they are in Performance, and likewise at all other Times and Seasons: And that the Wives of these Companions, and their Relicts during their Widowhoods, with their Children, shall enjoy their antient Pre-eminencies, and all other Rights, in as ample Manner as they were enjoyed under the Reigns of any of Our Predecessors.

TWELFTHLY, That every Companion, after his Installation, shall constantly wear the Badge, Cognizance, or Ensign, of this Order, being Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, which shall be placed within the antient Motto of the Order, *Tria Juncta in Uno*; which Badge shall be pendent to a Red Ribbon, placed obliquely over the Right Shoulder to the Left Side; and each of them shall likewise wear the Ensign of this Order (described in the Seventh Article) embroidered upon the Left Side  
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of his upper Vestment, with Rays of Silver, or Glory, issuing from the Centre: And before the Installation of every Knight into this Order, there shall be fixed to the Back of his Stall an Escutcheon of his Arms enamelled, within a Circle *Gules*, having thereon the Motto of the Order in Letters of Gold, under which the Name and Title of the Companion, with the Time of his Installation, shall be inscribed; and every Companion may, if he think proper, bear his Arms in this Manner on his Seal, and upon his Furniture, at all Times, and upon all Occasions whatever; and a Banner of his Arms shall be placed over his Stall.

THIRTEENTHLY, We do hereby declare it to be our Royal Will and Pleasure, That all Robes and Materials whatsoever, which in the Reigns of our Predecessors, according to antient Customs, have been provided by any Servants of the Sovereign, by Reason of their different Offices, shall be issued and delivered upon the Warrants of the Great Master for these Purposes, towards the Creation of the Persons hereby elected, and for all other such Persons as shall hereafter be nominated by Us, or by Our Successors, Kings of this Realm, to supply such Vacancies as may happen in this Order.

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FOURTEENTHLY, That there may be no Mistake in the Method wherein the Persons elected by Us shall be ranged in the Stalls, We have thought proper to insert a Scheme of them.

*On the Right Hand of the Entry into the Chapel, facing the Altar.*

- 1 Sovereign
- 3 Duke of Montagu, Great }  
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- 5 Duke of Manchester
- 7 Earl of Leicester
- 9 Earl of Deloraine
- 11 Earl of Suffex
- 13 Lord Noffaw Paulet
- 15 Lord Malpas
- 17 Lord Delarwar
- 19 Lord Walpole
- 21 William Stanhope
- 23 Thomas Lumley Sanderfon
- 25 Robert Walpole
- 27 Charles Wills
- 29 Sir William Gage, Bart.
- 31 Michael Newton
- 33 Thomas Watson Wentworth
- 35 William Morgan
- 37 Earl of Inchequeen

*On the Left Hand of the Entry into the Chapel, facing the Altar.*

- 2 Prince William
- 4 Duke of Richmond
- 6 Lord Burford
- 8 Earl of Albemarle
- 10 Earl of Halifax
- 12 Earl of Pomfret
- 14 Viscount Terrington
- 16 Lord Glenorchy
- 18 Lord Clinton
- 20 Spencer Compton
- 22 Coniers D'arcy
- 24 Paul Metbuen
- 26 Sir Robert Sutton
- 28 Sir John Hobart, Bart.
- 30 Robert Clifton
- 32 William Yonge
- 34 John Monfon
- 36 Thomas Coke
- 38 Viscount Tyrconnel.

THAT is, the Stall opposite to that of the Sovereign shall be the next to it in Precedency, and so alternately from the Sovereign's Side to that on the  
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Prince's Side, throughout the whole Course : And for the future, when any Vacancy shall happen, the Person nominated to supply it, whether Duke, Marquess, Earl, Viscount, or Baron, or one under the Degree of Nobility, shall constantly be placed in the lowest Stall ; in which Case all the Companions in the Stalls lower to that, inclusive, wherein the Knight deceased was placed, shall be gradually promoted to the next superior Stall, and their Plates shall be removed accordingly : But whenever any Prince or Princes of the Blood Royal shall be elected into this Fraternity, He or They so elected shall be seated in the Stalls next to that of the Sovereign ; and if there should be no Vacancy in such Stall or Stalls, then the Plates of the other Companions, in that Case, are to be removed to lower Stalls : And each Companion is to take Place, within all the Ceremonies of this Order, according to the Situation of his Stall, and not according to the Grandeur of his Estate, Degree, or Office.

FIFTEENTHLY, That the Coat-Armour of the Esquires, Governors, and young Esquires, shall also be affixed to the Back of the Seats, under the Stalls of their respective Knights, in small enamelled Escutcheons,

Escutcheons, with their Names, and the Names of the Knights whom they attended, with the respective Dates of the Times when their Knights were installed; which shall be removed in like Manner with the Plates of their respective Knights, to whom they performed Service: All which said Esquires shall, during the Terms of their several Lives, enjoy all Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Exemptions, and Advantages, which the Esquires of the Sovereign's Body, or the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, do lawfully enjoy, or are entitled unto by Virtue of any Grant, Prescription, or Custom, whatsoever: And the eldest Son, of every of these Esquires shall have and use the Addition and Title of Esquire, in all Acts, Proceedings, and Pleadings: Provided, That all these Esquires, to be entitled to these Privileges, shall have Certificates of their Qualifications before their respective Admissions, and likewise an Exemplification of their actual performing their Duties upon the Creation of any Knight or Knights of the *Bath*, attested by the Great Master, under the Seal of the Order.

SIXTEENTHLY, Whenever the Sovereign shall please to have a Chapter or Chapters to be held, the  
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Great Master shall cause Letters of Summons to be sent to all the Companions resident within the Realm, to appear robed in their Mantles, and with their Badges, in the Prince's Chamber; where being seated according to the Course of their Stalls, and attended by the Officers of this Order, they shall deliberate, treat, determine, and conclude, all Matters which concern the Dignity, and Preservation of the Interests of this Order: And all such Determinations and Resolutions shall be forthwith presented to the Sovereign for his Royal Approbation, and, if the Sovereign shall not signify his Disallowance thereof, and the same shall not be contrary to these Statutes, shall be Rules and Ordinances, and be from thenceforth taken to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes of this Most Honourable Order; and such Punishments shall be inflicted on the Companions who shall then be absent without lawful Excuses, or Dispensations obtained, and also upon such Companions as shall transgress against any Article or Articles of these Statutes, or against any such Rules as shall be made in any Chapters to be held under the Restriction aforesaid, as to the Majority of the Companions present shall seem just and expedient.

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SEVENTEENTHLY, Whereas the Prebendaries of the Church of *Westminster* will be obliged to attend in the Proceffions of this Order, and to assist in celebrating Divine Service, whenever it is conferred, They shall on all such Occasions be habited in white Mantles, lined with red, having on the Right Shoulder the Badge of the Order, in like Manner with the Esquires Governors.

EIGHTEENTHLY, There shall be Seven Officers of this Order; a Dean, a Genealogist, a King of Arms, a Register, a Secretary, Gentleman-Usher, and a Messenger.

THE Dean shall be the Dean of the Church of *Westminster* for the Time being, who in all Ceremonies shall be invested with the like Mantle and Ensign that the Companions are to wear; and in the Proceffions shall be covered: He shall solemnize Divine Service, receive the Offerings, administer the Oaths, and give the Admonitions; and also declare in the Chapters the Occasion of calling them, and have Right to give his Suffrage and Vote in all Matters therein transacted; and may bear his own Coat-Arms, empaling those of the Church of *Westminster*,

*Westminster*, surrounded with the Circle and Motto of the Order.

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THE Genealogist, whom Our Great Master is to nominate and constitute, to continue during his good Behaviour, shall examine and enter the Pedigrees of the respective Persons now elected, and of such who shall hereafter be elected into this Order, and of their Esquires Governors, and of the young Esquires, with their several Coat-Arms, and fairly to enter the same into Books, to remain to Posterity for the Memorial of their Families; for which he shall receive such Reward, as shall be determined by the Great Master, with Regard to the Length of the Pedigrees, the authentic Proofs thereof, and the Pains taken therein: In all Ceremonies of this Order he shall be habited in a Mantle like to that of the Prebendaries, and shall wear under it a Surcoat like to the Esquires Governors; and on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain about his Neck, an Escutcheon of Gold, enamelled, on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns of Gold, having in the Center between the Three Crowns the Cyphers or Letters *G*.

THE King of Arms, whom Our Great Master is also to nominate, and who shall be created by Our Great Master with the Ceremonies accustomed in the Cases of Creations of other Kings of Arms, to continue in the said Office during his good Behaviour, shall be denominated *Bath*, in Latin, *Rex Armorum, Honoratissimi, Ordinis Militaris de Balneo*; and shall sedulously attend the Service of this Order: He shall, in all the Ceremonies of this Order, be habited in a Mantle like to that of the Prebendaries, and under it a Surcoat like to the Esquires Governors: He shall wear on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain about his Neck, an Escutcheon of Gold, enamelled, with the Arms of the Order, empaling the Arms of the Sovereign, crowned with an Imperial Crown; and shall carry the white Rod of this Order, which shall have on the two greater Squares of the Banner the Arms of the Order, empaling those of the Sovereign, and on the lesser Squares the Arms of the Order, the Whole surmounted with an Imperial Crown: And at all future Coronations he shall precede the Companions of this Order, and shall carry and wear his Crown as Our other Kings of Arms are obliged to do; which Chain, Escutcheon, Rod, and Crown, shall

shall be of the like Materials, Value, and Weight, with those borne and used by Our Garter Principal King of Arms, and of the like Fashion, excepting only the Variations herein-before specified: Besides the Duties required of him in the former Articles of these Statutes, he shall diligently perform whatever the Sovereign, or Great Master, shall farther command.

THE Register, who shall also be nominated and constituted by the Great Master, to continue during his good Behaviour, shall, with the greatest Fidelity, enter all Transactions whatsoever within the Order, and the Decrees and Proceedings in every Chapter, with the valiant Exploits and Atchievements of the Companions: In all Ceremonies of this Order he shall wear the like Mantle and Surcoat with the King of Arms; and on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain, an Escutcheon enamelled, on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, having in the Center the Representation of a Book bound *Gules*, the Leaves thereof *Or*.

THE Secretary, to be likewise appointed by the Great Master, to continue during his good Behaviour

viour, shall prepare Draughts of all Instruments to be passed under the Seal of the Order, and engross them: And in all Ceremonies of this Order he shall wear the like Mantle and Surcoat as the Register; and on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain, an Escutcheon, enamelled, on a Field *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, having in the Centre two Pens placed Saltierwise.

WE likewise authorize the Great Master to constitute and appoint a Gentleman-Usher of the Scarlet Rod, surmounted with Three Imperial Crowns, who shall continue in such Office during his good Behaviour; and in all Ceremonies of this Order shall wear the same Robe and Surcoat with *Bath* King of Arms, and at a Golden Chain about his Neck, an Escutcheon *Azure*, Three Imperial Crowns *Or*, hanging upon his Breast: He shall have the Custody of the Door of the Chapter-Room, and of our Chapel, founded by King *Henry* the Seventh, during the Ceremonies relating to this Order. Besides the Duties enjoined in the former Articles of these Statutes, it shall appertain to him to touch with his Rod any Companion that shall be convicted of any Crime, contrary to the Tenor  
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of these Statutes ; and, in Case of a Degradation, to pluck down the Escutcheon of such Knight, and to spurn it out of the Chapel : And he shall also diligently execute whatever the Sovereign, or Great Master, shall farther enjoin him, relating to the Interests of this Order.

THE Genealogist, *Bath* King of Arms, the Register, Secretary, and the Gentleman-Usher of the Scarlet Rod, who attend within our Royal Palace for the Service of this Order, shall continually remain under the Protection of the Sovereign, and are hereby declared to be Servants of the Sovereign's Household, and shall enjoy all Privileges and Exemptions belonging, by Right or Custom, to the Esquires of the Sovereign, or to the Gentlemen of his Privy-Chamber : And we hereby direct, That their Robes and Ensigns shall be prepared at the Charge of the Sovereign, and be issued upon the Warrants of the Great Master.

AND to the End that all Summons, Dispensations, Letters, and all other Instruments, may be safely and expeditiously conveyed to the Companions, the Great Master is likewise empowered to  
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and appoint a Messenger for this Service, who shall likewise collect the quarterly Payments herein after-mentioned, from the Companions, to the Genealogist, King of Arms, Register, Secretary, and Usher of the Order: He shall wear the same Surcoat and Badge with the Esquires of the Order; and on his Breast, hanging to a Golden Chain, One Imperial Crown of Gold: He shall also diligently execute whatever the Sovereign, or Great Master, shall farther enjoin him, relating to the Interests of this Order.

ALL these Officers, at their Admission, shall take their Oaths, which shall be administered unto them by the Great Master, That they shall yield Obedience to the Sovereign, and also to the Great Master of this Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, in such Things as appertain to the Order; That they shall not disclose the Secrets of the Order, and that they shall be faithful in the Executions of their several Offices.

AND that these Offices may in some Degree be supported, We hereby direct and enjoin, That every Companion of this Order shall, upon every  
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Quarter-Day in the Year (the first Payment to begin on the Twenty-fourth Day of *June* next) pay unto the Genealogist Three Nobles; to the King of Arms, Register, Secretary, and Gentleman-Usher, One Mark to each of them; and to the Messenger One Noble: And, that these Officers may be encouraged to apply their Studies with the utmost Industry, We recommend to the said Companions, that in their first Chapter they would settle some Method, that their annual Pensions may be effectually and regularly discharged, with such other Provisions as shall be thought convenient.

AND to the End that the Fees to be paid to the Great Master, and the several Officers of this Order, upon the Election or Nomination of any Knight Companion into the same, may be particularly ascertained and established, in Pursuance of the Declaration contained in Our Royal Letters Patents above recited, We do hereby, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, direct, appoint, and ordain, That the Sum of One Hundred and Thirty-Eight Pounds shall be paid to the Great Master of the said Order for the Time being, by every Person that shall be nominated unto, and accept the

Honour of a Companion of the said Order; and that the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds Six Shillings and Eight-pence shall be paid by every such Companion to the Dean of the said Order, out of which said Sum the Prebendaries of *Westminster* shall receive their Part, according to the usual Method of Partition observed in dividing Profits belonging to that Chapter; and to the King of Arms, Register, Genealogist, Secretary, and Usher, and to each of them, the Sum of Twenty-two Pounds, to be respectively paid to them by every such Companion; and to the Messenger the Sum of Eighteen Pounds Thirteen Shillings and Fourpence: And that every such Companion, beyond these Sums, shall also pay for the Copy of these Statutes, Notice of his Election, Summons for his Installation, and Certificate thereof, the Sum of Ten Marks for each of them respectively; and for the Escutcheon of his Arms, and for those of his Esquires, which shall be fixed to the Back of their respective Stalls, the Sum of Twenty Marks for each of them respectively: And in Case there shall be a Dispensation for the not performing any of the Particularities required by the old Rituals, or these Statutes, in conferring the Knighthood of the *Bath*,  
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the Person, to whom such Dispensation shall be granted, shall pay for the same the Sum of Forty Marks; and for the Banner which shall be placed over his Stall, Fifteen Marks; and also for the Helmet, Crest, Sword, and Mantlings, Seven Marks.

NINETEENTHLY, Whereas, by the Statutes of the Most Noble Order of the *Garter*, it is ordained, That none shall be elected and chosen to be Fellow and Companion thereof, except that he be a Knight without Reproach; We do hereby declare and ordain, for the great Love, Favour, and Confidence, We bear towards the Knights of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, That from henceforth a special Regard shall be had, in preferring, advancing, and presenting them to be Companions of the Most Noble Order of the *Garter*.

TWENTIETHLY, That whenever any Companion of this Most Honourable Order shall be elected into the Most Noble Order of the *Garter*, it shall be entirely in the Power of such Companion to resign this Order by an Instrument under his Hand, to be entered in the Register of this Order;

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or, if he shall design to retain this Order, he shall make the previous Proteftations usual in Cafes of the Acceptance of another Order.

LASTLY, We hereby command and enjoin, That these Statutes, and every Article thereof, shall for ever be inviolably observed within our said Order; reserving to Ourselves the Power of adding, and of explaining any Particular therein: Which Additions and Explanations, under Our Sign Manual, shall be taken as Part and Parcel of these Our Statutes.

*Given under the Seal of Our said Order the  
Day and Year above written.*

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## GEORGE R.

GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of *Great Britain, France, and Ireland*, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas We are resolved to advance the Honour and Splendour of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*; We, by Virtue of Our Royal Prerogative, and in Consequence of the Power reserved to Us in the Statutes, do hereby ordain and enjoin, That the following Articles and Explanations are, and shall be always deemed to be Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be perpetually observed.

FIRST, It is Our Royal Pleasure, and We hereby enjoin, That the Master of Our Jewel-House, for the Time being, shall, upon the Warrant of the Great Master of this Order, provide for every Companion that is, or shall be elected into this Order, a Collar of Gold of Thirty Ounces Troy Weight; which Collar shall be composed of several Imperial Crowns of Gold, tied or linked with Gold Knots enamelled

enamelled White, representing the White Laces mentioned in the antient Ceremonials of conferring the Knighthood of the *Bath*; which said Collar having the Badge or Symbol of this Order thereto pendant, the Companions are and shall be obliged to wear upon all Festivals, Proceffions, Installations, and other Ceremonies relating to this Order, and also in the Presence of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, upon such other Feasts usually termed *Collar Days*, when the Knights of Our Most Noble Order of the *Garter* attend Our Royal Person invested with their Collars; and that the said Collar may for the future be represented upon Pictures, Linnings, Sculptures, and Monuments, of these Companions; which Collar shall not be alienated for any Cause whatever; but the Executors, or Administrators, of every deceased Companion, shall return the same within Three Months to the Great Master of this Order.

SECONDLY, We likewise hereby declare it to be Our Royal Pleasure, That the Banner, which shall be placed over the Stall of each Companion of this Order, shall be two Yards in Length, and one Yard three Quarters in Breadth, fringed about with Red  
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and White Silk; and that, in the lowest Margin, the Name and Title of the Companion shall be inscribed with Letters of Gold, upon a Black Ground; and that the Crest, Helmet, and Sword, shall likewise be affixed to the Stall of every Knight, and be removed in like Manner as the Plates, according to the Fourteenth Article of the Statutes: And that, after the Deaths of the Companions, these Banners, Crests, Helmets, and Swords, (being first offered in solemn Manner) shall then be hung up about the Pillars, or in some other convenient Place, towards the West End of the Abbey-Church of *Westminster*, to remain to Posterity, for the Memorial of the deceased Knights, as a public Testimony of their Honour. And we hereby direct, That the Banner of Our Royal Arms, being two Yards and a Half long, and two Yards in Breadth, shall be embroidered upon Velvet, which with Our Crest, Helmet, and Sword, shall be hung over Our Stall.

THIRDLY, Whereas some Persons may be elected into this Order, who, by reason of their Employments in the Service of the Crown, by Sicknefs, or other unforeseen Accidents, may be necessarily prevented from attending their Installations in Person  
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within the Time limited ; We hereby decree, That such Persons, having actually received the Honour of Knighthood, and a Dispensation for the Non-observance of any Rites belonging to the Knighthood of the *Bath*, and having also obtained Permission under the Seal of the Order, shall and may substitute and appoint a Person of Honour, being a Knight, to be his Proxy or Deputy, to be installed for him ; which Deputy, having the Mantle upon his Right Arm, shall proceed, from the Door of the Chapter-House, unto the Stall of his Principal, and shall there be installed in the Manner directed by the Statutes, holding the Mantle on his Arm, and shall take the Oath in the Name of the Companion : And such Companion shall thereby be as fully invested with the said Order, as if he had been installed in Person, in the Manner before mentioned in the Eighth Article.

FOURTHLY, We hereby ordain and enjoin, That over and above the Fees determined by these Our Statutes, every Person elected, or to be elected into this Most Honourable Order, shall also regularly pay all such other Fees, as have been settled by Our Royal Predecessors, by Grants under the  
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Great Seal, upon the Reception of the Knight-hood of the *Bath*; and until all Fees are fully and actually discharged, no Banner, Helmet, Sword, or Plate, of any Companion of this Order, shall be set up, or permitted to remain, in the Chapel of King *Henry* the Seventh.

*Given under Our Sign Manual, this First Day of June, in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.*

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**I**T is Our Royal Will and Pleasure, That the Knights Companions of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, appointed, and hereafter to be appointed, by Us, Our Heirs and Successors, shall for their greater Distinction and Honour, upon all Occasions whatsoever, bear and use Supporters to their Arms: And therefore We, by these Presents, direct and command our *Garter Principal King of Arms* for the Time being, and his Successors in that Office, to grant Supporters to all Companions of Our said Order, who are, or shall not be entitled to bear Supporters by Virtue of their Peerages.

*Given under Our Sign Manual, this Second Day of June, in the Eleventh Year of our Reign.*

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## GEORGE R.

GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the Bath, To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas We have been graciously pleased, in and by the Statutes of the said Order, to enjoin the Master of Our Jewel-House for the Time being, upon a Warrant from the Great Master of Our said Order, to provide for every Companion, who is, or shall be elected into the Order aforesaid, a Collar of Gold of Thirty Ounces, Troy Weight, having the Badge or Symbol of the Order thereto pendent: Now it is Our Royal Will and Pleasure, and We do by these Presents, for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, by Virtue of Our Royal Prerogative, and in Pursuance of the Powers reserved to Us by the said Statutes, ordain and appoint, That the following Article and Explanations are, and shall be always deemed to be, Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be perpetually observed within Our said Order, *viz.*

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“ THAT each of the said Collars shall be composed of Nine Imperial Crowns of Gold, and of Eight Gold Roses and Thistles, issuing from a Gold Sceptre, enamelled in their proper Colours, tied or linked together with Seventeen Gold Knots, enamelled White.”

*Given at Our Court at Hanover, the Sixteenth Day of November, 1725, O. S. in the Twelfth Year of Our Reign.*

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## GEORGE R.

GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, To all Persons, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas, We are firmly resolved, according to Our former Declarations, to support and advance the Honour, Dignity, and Splendour, of this Our Most Honourable Order; We, by Virtue of Our Prerogative, and in Consequence of the Power reserved and vested in Us by Our Letters Patent, under Our Great Seal, do hereby ordain and enjoin, That the following Articles, Additions, and Explanations, are, and for the future shall be, and shall be taken and deemed to be, Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be inviolably and perpetually observed within this Most Honourable Order.

FIRST, Whereas We declared Our Royal Pleasure, That the Companions of this Our Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, should be obliged to wear their Collars upon all Festivals, Processions, Installations,

Installations, and other Ceremonies relating to this Order, and also in Prefence of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, upon such other Feasts, usually termed Collar Days, when the Knights of Our Most Noble Order of the Garter attend Our Royal Person invested with their Collars: In Consideration of this Our former Direction and Injunction, We hereby decree, determine, and ordain, That upon all such Collar Days the Knights Companions of this Our Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, for the Time being, shall have and enjoy the Privilege of waiting upon the Royal Person of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, in all Processions to, and Returns from, the Royal Chapel, in a separate Class by themselves, going two in Breast when the Companions are Fellows, otherwise single, according to the Situation of their respective Stalls; and shall thus place and range themselves next to, and immediately below Privy Counsellors; with Permission however to such Companions who are, or shall hereafter be, entitled to an higher Precedency, by their Peerages, Offices, or the Eminencies of their Births, to place and range themselves, in such Processions, according to the respective State or Degree due to them by Virtue thereof.

SECONDLY,

SECONDLY, Whereas the Great Master of Our said Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, in Pursuance of Our Letters Patent under Our Great Seal, did constitute a Genealogist, create a King of Arms, and appoint a Gentleman-Usher : and We, for the Dignity of the said Order, being resolved to invest these Three Officers with larger Powers than are contained in Our former Statutes, do therefore of Our certain Knowledge, mere Motion, and especial Grace, hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, make, ordain, constitute, erect, and appoint, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Servant *John Anstis*, Jun. Esq. the present Genealogist of this Our Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, Our Herald of Arms, with Our Dear Entirely-beloved Grandson Prince *William*, first and principal Companion of Our said Most Honourable Order, and with the first and principal Companion thereof for the Time being, by the Style and Title of *Blanc Courfier* ; and by these Presents do appoint, commission, empower, and direct, the Great Master of Our said Order, for Us, and in Our Name, and by Our Authority, to signify to Our Attorney or Solicitor-General, Our Royal Will and Command under the Seal of Our said Order, forthwith to prepare a Bill  
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for Our Royal Signature to pass under Our Great Seal, containing Our Grant to the said *John Anstis*, Jun. of the aforesaid Office of *Blanc Courfier*, in the Manner above specified, with that Title, and all Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, heretofore enjoyed by any Herald of Our Predecessors, or any of them, under any Denomination whatsoever, with any Prince of the Blood Royal, or by any other Herald of any Prince, Duke, or Earl, of the Blood Royal, or by any other Herald of any Nobleman whatever, To have and to hold the said Office of *Blanc Courfier*, during his good Behaviour, with all Rights thereto appertaining, with the Yearly Salary of Forty Marks, payable out of the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as other Our Heralds now receive; in which said Bill Our Royal Pleasure is, that a Clause be inserted, declaring, that for the Honour of Our said Order, this Office of *Blanc Courfier*, Our Herald, shall for the future be inseparably annexed, united, and perpetually consolidated, with the Office of Genealogist of Our said Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*. And We hereby also, of Our certain Knowledge, mere Motion, and especial Grace, do for Us, Our Heirs and Successors, erect, make, constitute,



constitute, and ordain, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Servant *Grey Longueville*, Esq. *Bath* King of Arms of Our Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, *Gloucester* King of Arms and principal Herald of the Parts of *Wales*; which said Office of *Gloucester* is now vacant, and in Our Disposal: And We do appoint and direct the Great Master of this Our Order, for Us, and in Our Name, and by Our Authority, to signify to Our Attorney or Solicitor-General, Our Royal Will and Command under the Seal of Our said Order, immediately to prepare a Bill for Our Royal Signature to pass Our Great Seal, containing Our Grant of the said Office of *Gloucester*, in the Manner above specified, to the said *Grey Longueville*, *Bath* King of Arms of Our Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, with all Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, thereunto belonging, To have and to hold the same during his good Behaviour, in as full and ample Manner as *Richard Champney*, or any other ever had, or ought to have enjoyed the same, with the Yearly Salary of Forty Pounds payable out of the *Exchequer* of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as other Our Provincial King of Arms are entitled to receive; in which said Bill Our Royal Will and Pleasure is, that there shall

be Claufes inferted, empowering the faid *Gloucefter* to grant Arms and Crests to Perfons refiding within Our Dominions of *Wales*, either jointly with Our Garter principal King of Arms, or fingly by himfelf, with the Confent, and at the Pleafure, of Our Earl Marfhal, or his Deputy, for the Time being ; and that for the future this Office of *Gloucefter* fhall be infeparably annexed, united, and perpetually confolidated with the Office of *Bath* King of Arms, whofe Title fhall hereafter be, *Bath* King of Arms of the Moft Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, and *Gloucefter* King of Arms, and principal Herald of the Parts of *Wales* ; and which faid *Bath* King of Arms, for the Dignity of this Moft Honourable Order, fhall in all Affemblies, and at all Times, have and take the Place and Precedency above and before all other Provincial Kings of Arms whatever. And We likewise, of Our certain Knowledge, mere Motion, and efpecial Grace, do hereby for Us, Our Heirs and Succelfors, make, ordain, conftitute, erect, and appoint, Our Trusty and Well-beloved Servant *Edmond Sawyer*, Efq. Gentleman-Ufher of the Scarlet Rod of Our Moft Honourable Order of the *Bath*, Our Herald of Arms, with the Great Mafter of Our faid Order  
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for the Time being, by the Style and Title of *Brunswick*: And by these Presents We do appoint, empower, and direct, the Great Master of Our said Order, for Us, and in Our Name, and by Our Authority, to signify to Our Attorney, or Solicitor-General, under the Seal of Our said Order, Our Royal Pleasure and Command forthwith to prepare a Bill for Our Royal Signature to pass under Our Great Seal, containing Our Grant to the said *Edmond Sawyer*, of the Office of *Brunswick*, in the Manner before specified, with that Title, and all Rights, Privileges, and Immunities, heretofore enjoyed by any Herald of Our Predecessors, or of any of them under any Denomination whatsoever, with any Duke or other Nobleman, or by any Herald of any Duke, or other Nobleman, To have and to hold the said Office of *Brunswick* during his good Behaviour, with all Rights thereto belonging, with the like Yearly Salary of Forty Marks, payable out of the Exchequer of Us, Our Heirs and Successors, as other Our Heralds now receive; in which said Bill Our Royal Pleasure is, that a Clause be inserted, declaring, that for the Honour of Our said Order, this Office of *Brunswick* Herald shall for the future be inseparably annexed, united, and

perpetually consolidated, with the Office of Gentleman-Usher of the Scarlet Rod of Our said Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*: And that in these several Bills, all such other proper and beneficial Clauses shall be recited, as Our Attorney or Solicitor General shall judge fit and convenient for making these Our separate Grants most firm, valid, and effectual in the Law. And our Will and Pleasure being, That these three Officers shall be formally and regularly created with the Ceremonies accustomed in those respective Cases, We hereby empower, appoint, and direct, the Great Master of Our said Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, for Us, and in Our Name, and by Our Authority, to signify, under the Seal of Our said Order, Our Royal Will and Command, to Our Earl Marshal of *England*, or his Deputy, to create the said *John Anstis*, Jun. the Genealogist of Our Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, to be *Blanc Courfier* Herald; *Grey Longueville, Bath*, to be *Hanover* Herald; and as soon as that Rite is finished, to create him *Gloucester* King of Arms, and *Edmond Sawyer* to be *Brunswick* Herald, with the due Solemnities required on such Occasions.

And

And We hereby decree and ordain, That all the Officers of this Most Honourable Order of the *Bath* shall have Liberty, at all Times and in all Places, to wear their respective Escutcheons appropriated to them separately by the Statutes; and that, for the future, the Genealogist, being created an Herald, shall upon one Side of his Escutcheon bear the Impression of the White Horse richly enamelled thereon; *Bath*, being created *Gloucester*, upon one Side of his Escutcheon shall bear the Arms of *Hannover*; and the Gentleman-Usher, being created *Brunswick*, shall bear upon one Side of his Escutcheon, the Impression of *Charlemagne's* Crown: For which Purposes the Great Master of Our said Order is to issue his Warrant to the Officers of Our Jewel-House for the Enamelling thereof.

*Given under Our Sign Manual, this Fourteenth  
Day of January, 1725.*

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GEORGE, by the Grace of God, King of Great Britain, France, and Ireland, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, To all, to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas We are resolved to advance the Honour and Splendour of the Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, We by Virtue of our Royal Prerogative, and in Consequence of the Power reserved to Us in the Statutes, do hereby ordain and enjoin, That the following Articles and Explanations are, and shall be always deemed to be, Part and Parcel of the Statutes to be perpetually observed.

FIRST, Whereas, in case a War should happen in *Europe*, We are determined that this Realm should be in a Posture of Defence against the Attempts of Our Enemies, We do hereby declare, ordain, create, constitute, and establish, That always, from henceforth, every Companion of the said Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, in case of any Danger of Invasion from Foreign Enemies, or a Rebellion

bellion at Home, whenever they shall be summoned by the Great Master, under the Seal of the Order, in the Sovereign's Name, shall maintain, at his own proper Cost and Charge, Four Men at Arms, and the Great Master shall maintain Four Trumpeters, for any Number of Days the Sovereign shall think proper, not exceeding Forty-two Days in any one Year; and shall allow to each Man at Arms Two Shillings a Day, for himself and Horse, during the said Term of Forty-two Days; after which Term of Forty-two Days, if the said Men at Arms shall be continued in Service, they, and their Officers, shall be paid in the same Manner as all other the Horse of Our Armies of *Great Britain* are paid.

SECONDLY, That the said Men at Arms shall serve within any Part of the Realm, which the Sovereign shall think proper, but not out of *Great Britain*.

THIRDLY, That the Great Master of Our said Order is, and always shall be, Captain and Commander in Chief of the said Men at Arms.

FOURTHLY,

FOURTHLY, That the Great Master of Our said Order shall always appoint, under the Seal of the Order, the following Officers, to lead and command the said Men at Arms: That is, One Captain-Lieutenant, who shall receive the Daily Pay of Eight of the said Men at Arms; One Lieutenant, who shall receive the Daily Pay of Seven of the said Men at Arms; One Sub-Lieutenant, who shall receive the Daily Pay of Six of the said Men at Arms; One Ensign, who shall receive the Daily Pay of Four of the said Men at Arms; One Guidon, who shall receive the Daily Pay of Four of the said Men at Arms; and Three Quarter-Masters, who shall receive, amongst them all, the Daily Pay of Six of the said Men at Arms: That Three of every Four of the said Men at Arms, to be so paid by each of the said Companions of the Order, and the Four Trumpeters, to be paid by the Great Master, shall be clothed in Scarlet Cloth Coats and Waistcoats, with Brass Buttons, having the Arms of the Order embroidered upon their Right Sleeve; that they shall each of them have a Hat laced with Gold Lace, a Blue Cloak, a good and able Horse, with a Bit-Bridle, Saddle, Holsters, and Bucket, Cloak-Straps, Pectoral, and Crupper, and a Housing of Blue Cloth,  
edged



edged with Gold Lace, with the Arms of the Order embroidered in the Corners of the Housing, and a Skin fixed to the Pommel of the Saddle to cover the Pistols; the whole at the sole Charge of the Companion who is to pay the said Men at Arms.

FIFTHLY, That each of the said Men at Arms shall be armed with a Carbine, a Case of Pistols, a Broad Sword, an Iron Back and Breast, and an Iron Scull Cap; and the Officers of the said Men at Arms shall each of them be armed with a Case of Pistols, a Broad Sword, an Iron Back and Breast, and an Iron Scull Cap; the whole at the Charge of the Sovereign of the Order: For which Purpose the Great Master of Our said Order is to issue his Warrant to the Officers of Our Ordnance to provide the said Arms.

SIXTHLY, That from henceforth there shall always be a Standard of the said Order, which shall be borne by the said Men at Arms; which Standard shall be of blue Silk, edged with a Gold Fringe, with the Arms of the Order embroidered on each Side of the said Standard: For which Pur-

pose the Great Master of Our said Order is to issue his Warrant to the Great Master of Our Wardrobe to provide the said Standard.

SEVENTHLY, That whenever the Companions of the said Order shall be summoned to furnish the said Men at Arms, the said Companions shall agree upon and appoint a proper Person to be their Treasurer for the Payment of the said Men at Arms, and their Officers; and the Companions shall pay into the Hands of the said Treasurer the Forty-two Days Pay for the Four Men at Arms to be provided and paid by each Companion, for which the said Treasurer is to be accountable to the said Companions.

EIGHTHLY, That in Case, when any Person shall be admitted a Knight Companion of the said Most Honourable Military Order of the *Bath*, the Great Master of Our said Order should, by Sickness, or otherwise, be prevented from officiating in Person for the Admission of the said Companion, then and in such Case the said Great Master shall have the Liberty of appointing, under the Seal of the Order, one of the Companions of the said

said Order to act as his Deputy; and in Case the Great Master shall not appoint such a Deputy, then shall the eldest Companion of the Order present officiate as Great Master, nevertheless to be accountable to the Great Master for all Fees and Profits of the Order.

*Given under Our Sign Manual, this Twentieth Day of April, One Thousand Seven Hundred and Twenty Seven.*



## G E O R G E R.

**G**EORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain* and *Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas, by the Statutes of our said Order, it is provided that We, the Sovereign thereof, shall have the Power of adding to the same, and of explaining any particular therein; which Additions and Explanations, under Our Sign Manual, shall be taken as Part and Parcel of the Statutes of Our said Order: And whereas, in and by the Fifteenth Statute, certain Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Exemptions and Advantages are granted to the Esquires Governors, and Young Esquires of the Knights of Our said Order, provided that all such Esquires, to be entitled to such Privileges, shall have Certificates of their Qualifications (as Gentlemen of Blood and Coat Arms) before their respective Admissions; We therefore, in order the more effectually to carry into

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execution the Provisions of the said Statute in this behalf, do hereby command and enjoin, that Our Bath King of Arms of Our said Order do not, nor any Person in his behalf or otherwise, at the ensuing Installation of our said Order, or at any Time in future, affix to the Back of the Seats under the Stalls of the Knights respectively in Our Chapel of King *Henry* the Seventh within *Westminster Abbey*, any Escutcheon of Arms, or other Memorial, of such Esquires, until Certificates of their Qualifications shall have been issued, under the Hands of Our Garter Principal King of Arms, and of Clarenceux or Norroy Kings of Arms, for the Time being, in their Provinces respectively.

*Given under Our Sign Manual, this Twelfth Day of February, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three, in the Forty-Third Year of Our Reign.*

## G E O R G E R.

**G**EORGE the Third, by the Grace of God, of the United Kingdom of *Great Britain and Ireland*, King, Defender of the Faith, &c. and Sovereign of the Most Honourable Order of the *Bath*, To all to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting. Whereas, by the Statutes of Our said Order it is provided that We, the Sovereign thereof, shall have the Power of adding to the same, and of explaining any Particular therein; which Additions and Explanations shall be taken as Part and Parcel of the Statutes of Our said Order: And whereas, by the Fifteenth Article of the said Statutes it is, amongst other Things, declared, ordained, and enjoined, that the Esquires Governors, and young Esquires, during the Terms of their several Lives, shall enjoy all Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Exemptions, and Advantages, which the Esquires of the Sovereign's Body, or the Gentlemen of the Privy Chamber, do lawfully enjoy, or are entitled to, by Virtue of any Grant, Prescription, or Custom whatsoever: And whereas some Doubts  
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have arisen, whether the Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Exemptions, and Advantages, therein mentioned, do not include, amongst other Things, the Privilege of Exemption from the Office of *Sheriff*: We have therefore thought fit to declare Our Royal Will and Pleasure thereupon; and do accordingly, by virtue of Our Royal Prerogative, and in consequence of the Power reserved to Us in the said Statutes, hereby determine, declare, and ordain, that the Rights, Liberties, Privileges, Exemptions, and Advantages, so granted in the said Fifteenth Article, or in any other Article of the said Statutes, shall not, in future, exempt, nor be deemed or construed to exempt, any Person whatsoever, who from and after the Date of these Presents shall be nominated or appointed to act as an Esquire Governor, or young Esquire, to any Knight of Our said Order, from serving the Office of *Sheriff* within Our Realm.

*Given under Our Sign Manual, this Fourth Day of May, One Thousand Eight Hundred and Three, in the Forty-Third Year of Our Reign.*



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George the third by his Grace of God of  
the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland King  
Defender of the Faith & Sovereign of the most Honourable  
Military Order of the BATH, To all to whom these Presents shall  
come Greeting: Whereas by the Statutes of our said most Honorable  
Military Order of the Bath it is provided that We the Sovereign  
thereof have the power of adding to the same from time to time  
and of explaining any particular therein unto the said Order  
expedient all which additions and explanations under Our  
Sign Manual are to be taken as Part and Parcel of the  
Statutes of Our said Order. And whereas in and by the  
Eighthenth Statute it is amongst other things declared to  
be the duty of the Genealogist of the said Order to examine  
and enter the Pedigrees of the respective Persons then already  
elected, and of such as might hereafter be elected into the said  
Order and of their Esquires Governors and of the Young Esquires  
with their several Coat Arms and that he was likewise fairly  
to enter the same into Books to remain to Posterity for the Me-  
morial of their Families: And, whereas certain differences  
have arisen between Our Servants the Kings Heralds and  
Pursuivants of Our College of Arms and the Genealogist of  
the said most Honorable Order respecting the exercise of the  
Duties which by the said eighthenth Statute are assigned to  
Our said Genealogist for the adjustment of which a Chapter  
of the said most Honorable Military Order was held on the  
tenth day of June last; And, whereas it was by the said  
Chapter resolved, that as it appeared to the Chapter to be  
the Opinion of the Law Officers of the Crown that the  
Heralds, that is to say Our Servants the Kings Heralds  
and Pursuivants of Our College of Arms have the original  
Cognizance of Pedigrees and Coat Armour and that the  
Genealogist cannot properly receive and Evidence of  
Pedigree or Coat Armour to be entered in his Books in  
pursuance of the Statutes except from the College of Arms  
The Chapter therefore humbly recommended to Us, that  
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It would be pleased to Command that the Pedigrees & Arms of the Knights and Esquires of this Order should be recorded in the College of Arms upon payment of the accustomed Fees and that Copies of such Pedigrees and Arms be communicated to the Genealogist of the Order who shall enter the same in Books of the Order to be provided for that purpose And that we would also be graciously pleased to determine such Fees as the said Genealogist should be entitled to for making such transcripts in those Books, And Whereas at a Chapter of Our College of Arms held at our said College on the twenty third day of January 1804. it was ordered that the Treasurer of our said College should provide at the Office expence a Book to be used only for the Entry of the Pedigrees and Arms of the Knights Companions of the most Honorable Order of the Bath and another for those of their respective Esquires And that of every Entry so to be made and for which the accustomed Fee shall have been paid to the College the Register shall upon the application of the Genealogist of the said Order for the time being deliver or cause to be delivered to the said Genealogist a Copy to be entered in the Books of the said Order according to the Statutes of the said Order and for which Copy no Fee shall be charged or taken by the Register or any other Officer of the College. Now we having duly considered such Recommendation & such Order of Our College of Arms Do hereby Command & enjoin all the Knights who have been invested with this most Honorable Military Order since the fifteenth day of June 1792, being the date of the Patent of the present Genealogist and their Esquires Governors and young Esquires that they shall record their respective Pedigrees and Coat Arms in the College of Arms paying therefor the accustomed Fees, and that the said Genealogist or the Genealogist for the time being shall procure a Copy of the same from the Register of our said College of Arms and examine and transcribe the same in the Genealogical Books of the said Order And we do hereby further command and enjoin that each and every of the said Knights and their Esquires Governors, and their young Esquires shall pay to the aforesaid Genealogist or to the Genealogist for the

line being for the examining and entering of such Pedigrees and Coat Arms in the Genealogical Books of the said Order in manner following, to wit, For the first descent or generation the sum of six Shillings and eight pence, and for every additional descent or generation the sum of five Shillings and for entering the Armorial Ensigns of a Knight Companion the sum of One Pound ten Shillings (all which Fees have been the usual Fees paid by Us out of Our Treasury in cases where We have been & graciously pleased to discharge the expences incurred by the Investiture of any Knight Elect) and for entering the Armorial Ensigns of an Esquire fifteen Shillings, the aforesaid Sums being conformable to a Table of Fees dated the 17 day of March 1745 issued under the hand of Our dear Entirely beloved Son Frederick acting as Great Master and under the Seal of the said Order which said Table We do by these Presents confirm and ratify And each and every of such Knights Esquires, Governors and young Esquires shall also pay to the Officer who may be employed to record their said Pedigrees and Coat Arms in the College of Arms, the accustomed fee for so doing. And We do hereby direct all the said Knights, Esquires, Governors and young Esquires to certify their belief of the Truth and correctness of their respective Pedigrees in the Genealogical Books of the said Order And We do hereby further ordain that nothing herein contained shall prejudice or injure the Rights and Privileges of our said Genealogist as given and secured to him by the aforesaid Statutes which We in all respects hereby confirm. Given under Our Sign Manual this Eighth day of May 1804 in the Forty Fourth Year of our Reign.

A true Copy

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Thos. Townshend Deputy Bath  
King of Arms.





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